

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9001–S9051

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3333–3348, and S. Res. 473–476. **Page S9046**

Measures Reported:

S. 1425, to enable the Federal Trade Commission to deter filing of sham citizen petitions to cover an attempt to interfere with approval of a competing generic drug or biosimilar, to foster competition, and facilitate the efficient review of petitions filed in good faith to raise legitimate public health concerns. **Page S9045**

Measures Passed:

COVID–19 Vaccine Mandate Congressional Review Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 29, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to “COVID–19 Vaccination and Testing; Emergency Temporary Standard”, and the joint resolution was then passed by a roll call vote of 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 489), after agreeing to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Pages S9007–08, S9034**

CREW Act: Senate passed S. 2293, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide certain employment rights to reservists of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9040**

No CORRUPTION Act: Senate passed S. 693, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the halt in pension payments for Members of Congress sentenced for certain offenses. **Pages S9040–41**

Rural Opioid Abuse Prevention Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 2796, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide for the eligibility of rural community response pilot programs for funding under the Comprehensive

Opioid Abuse Grant Program, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S9041**

Schumer (for Ossoff/Grassley) Amendment No. 4879, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9041**

National Wreaths Across America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 476, designating December 18, 2021, as “National Wreaths Across America Day”. **Pages S9041–42**

House Messages:

National Defense Authorization Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 1605, to designate the National Pulse Memorial located at 1912 South Orange Avenue in Orlando, Florida, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Page S9039**

Pending:

Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill. **Page S9039**

Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, with Schumer Amendment No. 4880 (to the House amendment), to add an effective date. **Page S9039**

Schumer Amendment No. 4881 (to Amendment No. 4880), to modify the effective date. **Page S9039**

Schumer motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions, Schumer Amendment No. 4882, to add an effective date. **Page S9039**

Schumer Amendment No. 4883 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 4882) of the motion to refer), to modify the effective date. **Page S9039**

Schumer Amendment No. 4884 (to Amendment No. 4883), to modify the effective date. **Page S9039**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Samantha D. Elliott, of New Hampshire, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire.

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Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, December 9, 2021, Senate resume consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 610, to address behavioral health and well-being among health care professionals; that if cloture is invoked on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, that it be as if invoked at 1 a.m., on Thursday, December 9, 2021; and that all time in adjournment, recess, morning business, and Leader remarks count post-cloture. **Page S9051**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. EX. 486), Rachael S. Rollins, of Massachusetts, to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. EX. 485), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S9008**

By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 488), Michael D. Smith, of Virginia, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service. **Pages S9014–34**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 60 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 487), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S9014–15**

Jennifer Clyburn Reed, of South Carolina, to be Federal Cochairperson of the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission. **Page S9040**

Routine lists in the Coast Guard. **Page S9040**

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Amendments Submitted: **Page S9045**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S9050–51**

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—489) **Pages S9008, S9014–15, S9034**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:16 p.m., until 11:30 a.m. on Thursday,

December 9, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9051.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of John Bradley Sherman, of Texas, to be Chief Information Officer, Ashish S. Vazirani, of Maryland, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, and Carrie Frances Ricci, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, all of the Department of Defense, and 1,772 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Admiral Christopher W. Grady, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

PROTECTING KIDS ONLINE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security concluded a hearing to examine protecting kids online, focusing on Instagram and reforms for young users, after receiving testimony from Adam Mosseri, Meta Platforms Inc., Menlo Park, California.

PITTMAN-ROBERTSON WILDLIFE RESTORATION ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2372, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to make supplemental funds available for management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by State fish and wildlife agencies, after receiving testimony from Senators Heinrich and Blunt; Sara Parker Pauley, Missouri Department of Conservation Director, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies; Daniel M. Ashe, Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Silver Spring, Maryland; Collin O'Mara, National Wildlife Federation, Merrifield, Virginia; and Jonathan Wood, Property and Environment Research Center, Bozeman, Montana.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Maria Louise Lago, of